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April 2

About half of people with chronic health conditions take their medication as directed  
Researchers tell mothers that while pregnant don't eat for two, because the amount of weight you gain will affect how big your baby is while born

April 3

Research shows that teens whose first romantic relationship lacked emotional intimacies are at higher risk for depression and substance abuse as they age  
Exposure to dirt can lift up your mood and help boost your immune system

April 4

Petfood contamination scare causes many pet owners to begin to prepare their own food for their pets.

April 5

With more people getting tattoos there also comes more regret. Now many tattoo parlors are offering multiple laser sessions to remove the ink, in a way that physicians say is safe for the skin.

April 6

Congra Foods comes forward with leaky roof and faulty sprinkler as reason for salmonella in peanut butter contamination.

April 9

New immigration proposal sparks President George W. Bush to discuss plans on border fencing and building programs for illegal aliens to gain citizenship. With increasing pet food crisis, emerging trends of pet insurance are what owners are leaning towards to stay safe when gambling with their pets lives.

April 10

Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the U.S. Healthy tips to lower risk of heart disease that has scary statistics of 2 of every 5 women die from heart disease or stroke.

April 11

Menu Foods is once again expanding its recall lists to include "Royal Canin Canada's Medical Feline Dissolution Canned Diet" food. It is sold through veterinarians and has contaminated wheat gluten.

April 12

Johnson and Johnson is recalling 4 million bottles of Listerine after tests showed it was contaminated with micro-organisms. The recall affects mostly flavors marketed towards kids.

April 13

More and more teens are passing up parents for magazines to learn about the "birds and the bees"

April 16

The "just say no" sex campaign seems to be failing and statistics show that those involved in the program are just likely to "give it up" as others. The government is spending 176 million on the program.

April 17

Kids now are satisfied by bribery and when asked to do something, they follow with, "what are you going to give me?"

April 18

Woman are looking for manly men and tips on how to increase strength and fitness.

April 19

Sport cars have highest death rates because they are usually driven more risky

April 20

New gallbladder surgeries may cause less pain and scarring.

April 23

Beef flavored pill is new Prozac for your puppy to keep him calm

April 24

High blood pressure has no symptoms but will lead to heart attacks and strokes

April 25

Citizens in rural areas are more likely to smoke and drink and use "meth"

April 26

Speech delays and social issues can be solved with infant psychotherapy

April 27

350 contaminated hogs from California have entered the human food supply

April 29

People with below average smarts are just as wealthy as those with higher IQs because they are more careful with money

April 30

Global warming shows recent greater threat in areas around the globe

May 1

Online dating services show steady rise in divorce and unhappy marriage

May 2

College grads experience poverty and debt that levels twice as high as 10 years ago

May 3

Honeybee wipeout could lead to devastating effect on food chain

May 4

Chemical and electrical engineers are highest paying majors for college grads

May 7

Spreading honey on a diabetic ulcer could prevent the need to amputate an infected foot

May 8

Power naps can help treat insomnia and benefit more than full nights

May 9

Overthinking can lead to high blood pressure, weakened immune systems and depression

May 10

Multiple small meals throughout the day help lose weight quickly

May 11

The E Cigarette offers a smoke free alternative to kicking the deadly habit.

May 14

People need to place less trust on sunscreen and be smarter about exposure to the rays

May 15

Rudest US drivers are from Miami, followed by NY, LA, Boston and Washington DC.

May 16

United States pays the most for the worst health care when compared to other wealthy nations such as Great Britain, Germany, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

May 17

Taking too many may increase a man's risk of dying from prostate cancer.

May 18

New ways to tone, clean and keep your behind healthy for bathing suit season.

May 21

Thousands of people evacuate campgrounds near the Los Angeles Wildfires  
US hits all time low in people's satisfaction with current affairs – 25%

May 22

New DNA kit for canines will help determine breed but also specific medical needs

May 23

Over 35% of people with high paying jobs are logging more than 650 hours of work a week, contributing to a new addiction category – workaholics. Experts say that being

addicted to work is unhealthy because it can lead to boozing, overeating, insomnia, and anxiety.

May 24

War-funding bill passed in Congress, allowing the President to pay for the war through September. A student's index finger could determine how well they do on their s-a-t's. new research claims Kids with longer ring fingers compared to index fingers are likely to have higher math scores than reading or verbal scores on the college entrance exam. While children with the reverse finger-length ratio are likely to have higher reading and writing, or verbal, scores versus math scores.

May 25

McDonald's is fitting the term McJob which means "a low paying, unstimulating job, with little prospects for the future."

May 28

At least 3,452 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003. Some new clothes now have SPF built right into them.

May 29

Statistics show large SUV sales are up -- substantially. Sales for large SUVs rose about six percent in the first quarter of the year -- and April's sales were up 25 percent over April 2006.

May 30

Many diet and nutrition companies are now focusing their efforts on men, after the success of Joey Fatone's Dancing with the Stars diet. Cost of US Citizenship for immigrants is doubling this year.

May 31

Excessive laptop use is proven to cause spine, neck and shoulder problems because of the poor posture.

June 1

Police arrest one of the world's most prolific spammers, Robert Alan Soloway. Doctor Death Jack Kevorkian is released from prison, after being incarcerated since 1998.

June 4

Massive earthquake kills three in China.  
Feds shed some light on how they busted a terrorist plot to bomb JFK airport.

June 5

Are detox diets and detox kits worth it? Are they they dangerous?

June 6

A 1970's plan to create the world's largest tire reef off the coast of Florida has been aborted and clean up of the tires is now underway.

June 7

The Red Cross is beginning a promotion to give away gasoline for blood donations.

June 8

Federally funded stem cell research takes a big stride, as a new ruling passed in the House. Nine out of ten of the best places to raise a dog are in the west.

June 11

New tests involving blood and brain scans can detect symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, and the study of how one functions in life can predict who is likely to develop it, according to new research.

June 12

3 restaurant jobs rank among the lowest 10 paying jobs in America. Busboy, host, and dishwasher.

June 13

After years of debate, New York lawmakers are on the brink of legalizing medical marijuana. A person would have to have a life threatening or debilitating disease and a doctor's note certifying that marijuana would be beneficial.

June 14

Lack of Sleep can do more than leave you short-tempered: It can also stress your heart and raise your risk of heart disease and death. A study found that not getting enough z's over just five nights can significantly stress out your heart.

June 15

According to a new study, women dream about sex as often as guy but the object of their sexcapades are much different than their male counterparts. When it comes to family communication, mom is still the undisputed champ. But dad is closing the gap. Asked whether their relationship with each of their parents is "close" or "distant," 87 percent in a recent survey say they are close to mom... while 74 percent say they are close to dad.

June 19

US commanders in Iraq are rejecting a suggestion by military mental health officials that troops should get a 30 day break for every three months of combat. Instead... they want to give troops two or three days off inside super secure bases for every eight days in the field. US forces in Iraq spend more time fighting without any break than those who fought in the Vietnam War or World War II.

June 20

New research shows that Americans are coming up short. In fact, we are the shortest population in the industrialized world. now The Netherlands claims the title of the world's tallest country. In Denmark, men average 6 feet, while American men average 5'10. Research suggests our diet could be to blame... Overeating can cause children to stop growing at a younger age.

June 21

A new study suggests adding some cinnamon to your dessert may temper the surge in your system that follows a sweet treat. Researchers in Sweden found that adding a little more than a teaspoon of cinnamon to a bowl of rice pudding lowered the post-meal blood sugar spike in their study group. It's still too soon to say whether this might be a good remedy for people who struggle with diabetes.

June 22

If you're the oldest kid in the family... consider yourself the smartest too! A new study shows firstborn children score higher in IQ tests than their other brothers and sisters.

June 25

Four percent of US adults have never had sex in their lives! However the other 96 percent of adults age 20-59 years have done the deed, with 20 to 29 year olds having the lowest number of sexual partners.

June 26

First it was pet food... then toothpaste... now tires! Yet another recall compliments of a Chinese manufacturer who imported 450 thousand tires to the US. An unknown number of the light truck radials sent over were made without a safety feature, called a gum strip. Without the strip the tire could suffer tread separation, a problem that led to the nation's largest tire recall back in 2000

June 27

Using a credit card at a gas station could put you a greater risk for identity theft than shopping online.

June 29

Dangers of implementing a vegan or other type of dietary lifestyle on your children.